5.00 P.M.

certain paths of economic development where there will be growth, I think, we may end up in a course which can be self-defeating. Therefore, I propose these changes, while welcoming the overall framework of the Bill. And, I think, my friend on the Opposition will also not be unhappy because, ultimately, if we have to grow and go ahead there has to be a conscensus on the broad contours of the course that we have to take. Thank you, Sir.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS—*Contd.*

Status of implementation of the recommendations contained In The First Report of The Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): Before I call the next speaker, as a special case, I request Shri Pranab Mukherjee to make a statement regarding the status of implementation of the recommendations contained the the First Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence. He can just lay it on the Table.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Sir, with your permission, I beg to lay on the Table of the House a statement in respect of implementation of the recommendations contained in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Defence.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): Thank you, Now, Shri Vijay Darda.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Special Economic Zones Bills, 2005—*Contd.*

श्री विजय जे॰ दर्डा (महाराष्ट्र): उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, सर्वप्रथम मैं माननीय मंत्री जी को इस बात की बधाई देता हूं कि जो इस बिल को सदन के पटल पर लाए हैं। सन् 2000 में जो बिल आया था, उसका इम्प्लीमेंटेशन आज तक नहीं हो सका। यह एक दुख की बात है। इस बिल से हमारी